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Asian Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

Why Should I Major in Asian Studies at Seton Hall?

Students interested in diplomacy and international affairs, business, and education find knowledge of Asia critical for vibrant careers. Asia embraces 60 percent of the global population. China, Japan and India are among the top five consumer nations, having major implications for international relations, business and environmental concerns. By majoring in Asian Studies at Seton Hall University you will gain a broad understanding of the rich histories of Asia, acquire insights into the vitally important political, economic, cultural, social and religious dynamics of the region, and master an Asian language. These achievements will lead to rewarding career options.

The Curriculum:

The department of Asian Studies offers courses in Asian area studies and training in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Filipino and Japanese languages. The language curriculum is within the national standards and proficiency guidelines of the American Council of Teaching for Foreign Languages. Area courses address the civilizations, cultures, histories, economics, politics and religions of Asia, with an emphasis on Northeast Asia because of its global impact.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

In addition to the University requirements, the Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies requires 48 credits: 24 credits in one Asian language, 12 credits in traditional and modern China and Japan, 6 credits in Asia-related social sciences and 6 credits in Asia-related humanities courses.

Career Opportunities:

Career opportunities for those with a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies include diplomacy and other work in international relations, business, teaching (high school and college levels), academic research (think tanks and government), lobbying, government or military area specialization, interpretation/translation, journalism, and work in nongovernmental (NGO) and religious organizations. The Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued studies with the department of Asian Studies include the Master of Arts in Asian Studies and a dual master's degree in Asian Studies and Diplomacy and International Relations. Students can also apply their bachelor's degree to graduate work in international affairs, international economics, international finance, business and trade, government and comparative political systems, comparative religions and philosophies, Asian art, and doctoral-level studies that focus on many additional aspects of Asian culture and affairs.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Send your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Asian Studies Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* **Please see Undergraduate Catalogue**

Asian Studies Major Requirements (48 Credits):

A. Language Courses

*24 credits are required in a single Asian language. Students can select from Chinese (Mandarin) and Japanese.**

B. Area Studies Courses

12 credits are required:

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| ASIA 3127 (HIST 2621) | History of Traditional China |
| ASIA 3128 (HIST 2651) | History of Modern China |
| ASIA 3129 (HIST 2622) | History of Traditional Japan |
| ASIA 3130 (HIST 2652) | History of Modern Japan |

C. Asian Social Sciences

6 credits are required among the following:

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| ASIA 2112 | Geography of Asia |
| ASIA 2114 | China in World Affairs |
| ASIA 3114 | Asian Politics |
| ASIA 3115 | Asian Social Life |
| ASIA 3131 (POLS 2616) | Contemporary Chinese Politics |
| ASIA 3132 (HIST 2686) | Contemporary Japan |

D. Asian Humanities

6 credits are required among the following:

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| ASIA 1101 (RELS 1402) | World Religions |
| ASIA 1111 | Zen and Yoga |
| ASIA 2101 (ENGL 3608) | Asian Literature in English Translation I |
| ASIA 2102 (ENGL 3609) | Asian Literature in English Translation II |
| ASIA 3101 (RELS 1403) | History of Asian Religious Reflections |

E. Elective Courses

There is a wide range of elective courses in the social sciences, humanities, language education, business and directed studies from which a student can select to round out his or her B.A. in Asian Studies.*

Asian Studies Minor Requirements (21 Credits):

Track A

9 credits are required:

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| ASIA 3102 | History of Traditional Asia |
| ASIA 3103 | History of Modern Asia |
| One additional Asian area studies course | |

Electives

Chinese or Japanese language courses (12 credits) or Asian area studies (12 credits: concentration in China, Japan or Korea)

Track B

Completion of 18 credits in one Asian language and one Asian area studies course (3 credits)

* New Jersey Department of Education requires 30 credits of language courses and 3 credits of teaching methodology courses to apply for a teaching license.

Degree Requirements. 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu.

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